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S. RES. 43

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, as “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2001

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition has declared the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”;

Whereas inhalant abuse is nearing epidemic proportions, with almost 20 percent of young people admitting to experimenting with inhalants before graduating from high school;

Whereas only 4 percent of parents suspect that their children use inhalants;

Whereas inhalants are the third most popular substance used by youths through the eighth grade, behind only alcohol and tobacco;

Whereas 1,000 products can be inhaled to get high and those products are legal, inexpensive, and found in nearly every home and every corner market;

Whereas using inhalants only once can lead to kidney failure, brain damage, and even death;

Whereas inhalants are considered a gateway drug, leading to the use of harder, more deadly drugs;

Whereas inhalant use is difficult to detect, the products used are accessible and affordable, and abuse is common; and

Whereas increased education of young people and parents regarding the dangers of inhalants is an important step in the battle against drug abuse: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL RESPONSE TO INHALANT USE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
4 Senate that—

5 (1) the President should designate the week of
6 March 18 through March 24, 2001, as “National
7 Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”; and

8 (2) parents should learn about the dangers of
9 inhalant abuse and discuss those dangers with their
10 children.

11 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests that the
12 President issue a proclamation—

1 (1) designating the week of March 18 through
2 March 24, 2001, as “National Inhalants and Poi-
3 sons Awareness Week”; and

4 (2) calling upon the people of the United States
5 to observe “National Inhalants and Poisons Aware-
6 ness Week” with appropriate ceremonies and activi-
7 ties.

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